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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
QUESTIONS

1. USUN HAS MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT IN THE 30TH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY'S SECOND COMMITTEE TO GET TOGETHER ON A REGULAR
BASIS WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO
EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS, IDEAS AND POSITIONS ON THE VARIOUS
SUBJECTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. AS AN EXAMPLE, DURING THE
WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-24, MYERSON AND HIS STAFF MEET WITH
THE DELEGATIONS OF ITALY (AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE
EC-9), JAPAN, UK, FRANCE AND SWEDEN. EACH OF THE
SEPARATE BILATERALS WAS ORGANIZED BY USUN AND AT EACH
SESSION WE HIGHLIGHTED CURRENT PROBLEMS: (1) THE GENERAL
PROBLEM OF A TOO CROWDED CALENDAR OF ECONOMIC CONFERENCES
IN 1976 AND THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS POSED BY THE FACT THAT
MANY OF THESE CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD AWAY FROM
HEADQUARTERS; (2) THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE CUBAN
INVITATION TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL; (3) THE NAGGING
PROBLEM WHICH ARISES FROM THE OBSESSIONS OF SOME LDCS IN
INSISTING ON UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES IN ALL
RESSOLUTIONS TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND
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THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES;

(4) THE CHALLENGE WHICH IS PRESENTED BY ITEM 64 ON THE AGENDA, REVIEW OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. WE HAVE BEEN STATING THAT OUR POSITION ON THE CERDS REMAINS UNCHANGED AND URGING OTHERS TO HOLD THE LINE AND TO PUBLICLY STATE IN THE COMMITTEE THAT THEIR POSITIONS HAVE NOT CHANGED; (5) THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT ON THE UNGA-PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION; (6) PENDING RESOLUTIONS ON TRANS-NATIONALS ; (7) THE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO ASSURE THAT THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RE-STRUCTURING OF THE UNITED NATIONS'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICES IS LAUNCHED AND CARRIED OUT IN A FASHION ACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. IN GENERAL, WE FOUND THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUES AND SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE ALTHOUGH RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE LEAD ON POLITICALLY DIFFICULT ISSUES. SINCE MOST OF THE ISSUES DO NOT INVOLVE DECISION MAKING IN THE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME, FINAL POSITIONS WERE NOT CONCERTED, BUT TACTICS WERE AGREED WHERE POSSIBLE.

3. THESE BILATERALS SUPPLEMENT CONTACTS WE HAVE WITH THESE DELEGATIONS PLUS OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AND A BROAD RANGE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON SPECIFIC DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IN THE COMMITTEE ITSLEF. THOSE DAILY, WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS ARE DESCRIBED IN REPORTING CABLES ON PARTICULAR ITEMS.
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